25 February 2013

To the State of Connecticut Public Health Committee:

Re: S.B. No. 874 'AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THI DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' STATUTES'

Sec. 5. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 17a-248b of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*): Subsection (a) (4) one person who is a member <u>or a representative</u> of the American Academy of Pediatrics

My name is Mark Greenstein and I am a pediatrician, member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and am the current Chair of the State's Interagency Coordinating Council (known as the "Birth to Three Council" or the SICC). The SICC was just recently made aware of the changes proposed. I would like to note that the CT AAP (Connecticut Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, A/K/A the Hezekiah Beardsley Chapter) has only one employee, the executive director, who has no medical training. I feel strongly that there should be no change in the language of the legislation and that a physician member would be the only appropriate representation of the AAP for the SICC.

Respectfully submitted,

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